

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. through 3. (Canceled)

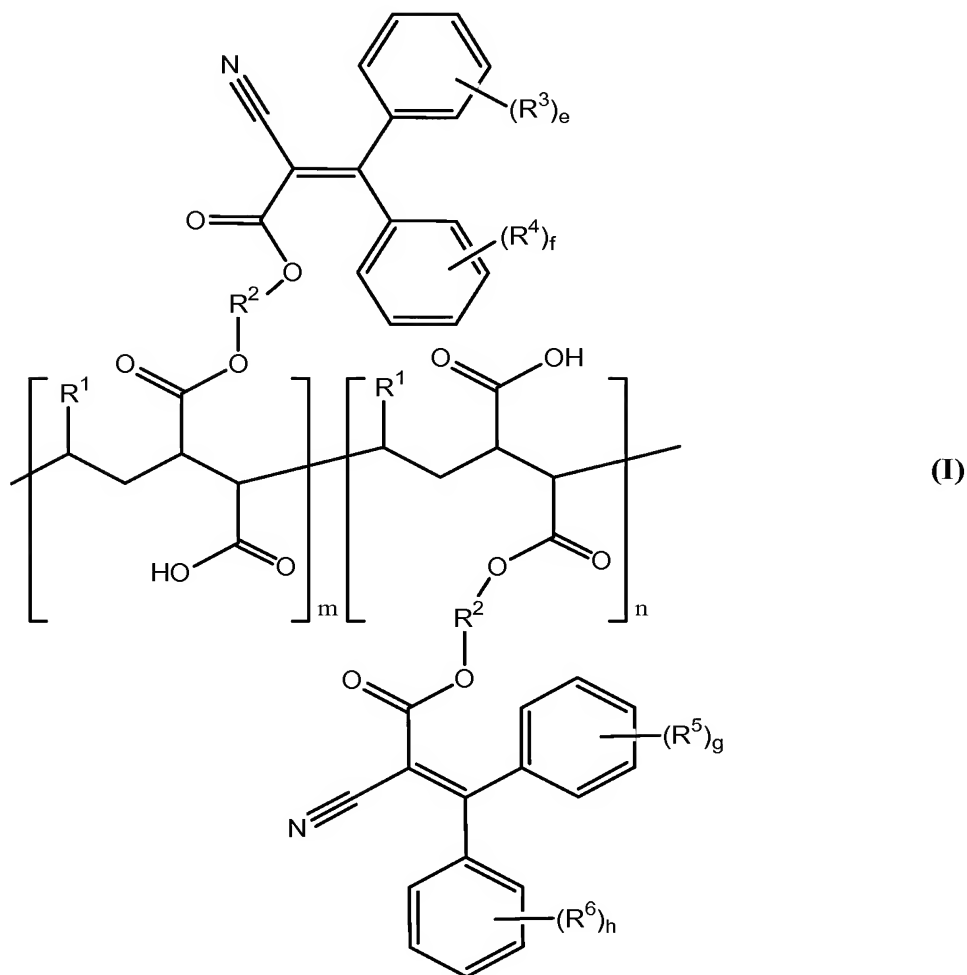
4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the Weight-Average Molecular Weight of said compound of formula (1) is in the range of about 30,000 to about 110,000.

5. through 13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said compound of formula (I) is present in said composition in an amount in the range of about 0.01% to about 30% by weight of the total weight of the composition.

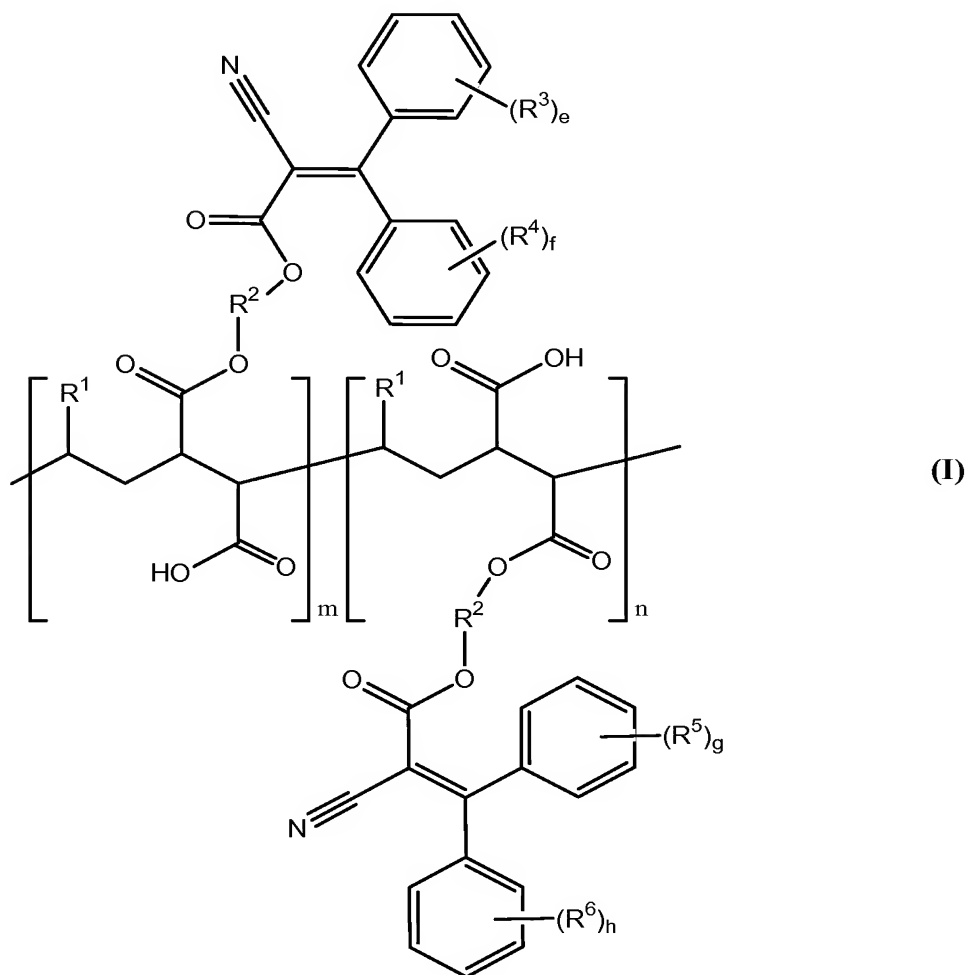
15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) A method of protecting human skin from ultraviolet radiation comprising topically applying to said skin, in a cosmetically acceptable carrier, a composition comprising a mixture of a photoactive compound, and a compound of formula (I):



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , and R^6 are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{30} alkyl, C_1 - C_{30} substituted alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 substituted cycloalkyl, ester, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, cyano, and amino, e, g, f, and h are each in the range of 0 to 4, m and n are each in the range of 0 to 5000, and the sum of m plus n is at least 1.

17. (Original) A method of protecting human skin from ultraviolet radiation, comprising topically applying to said skin, in a cosmetically acceptable carrier, a compound of formula (I):



wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, and R⁶ are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₃₀ alkyl, C₁-C₃₀ substituted alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₈ substituted cycloalkyl, ester, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, cyano, and amino, e, g, f, and h are each in the range of 0 to 4, m and n are each in the range of 0 to 5000, and the sum of m plus n is at least 1.

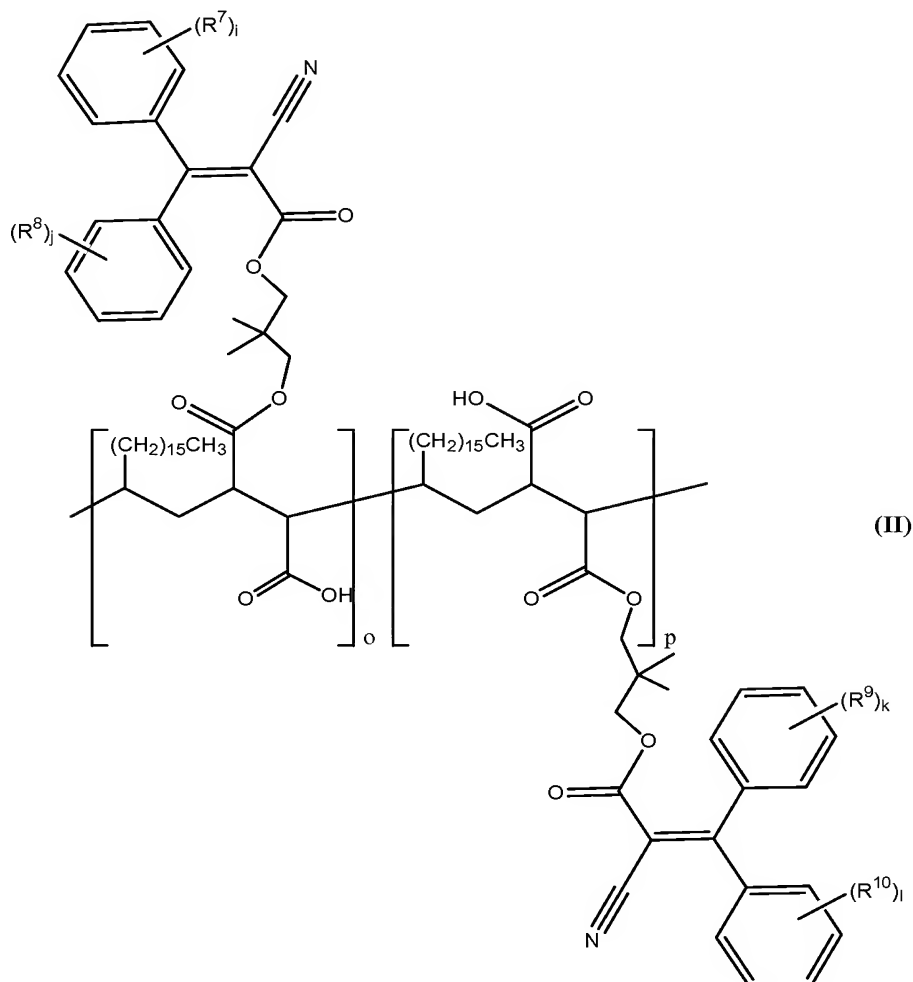
18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein R¹ and R² are selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₃₀ alkyl groups.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein R1 is a C16 straight chain alkyl group, and R2 is a 2,2-dimethylpropyl group.

20. through 88. (Canceled)

89. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the photoactive compound comprises a dibenzoylmethane derivative.

90. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the compound of formula (I) has the following formula (II):



wherein R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, and R¹⁰ are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₃₀ alkyl, C₁-C₃₀ substituted alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₈ substituted cycloalkyl, ester, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted

heterocycloalkyl, cyano, and amino, i, j, k, and l are each in the range of 0 to 4, o and p are each in the range of 0 to 5000, and the sum of o plus p is at least 1.

91. (Previously presented) The method of claim 90, wherein the Weight-Average Molecular Weight of said compound of formula (I) is in the range of about 30,000 to about 110,000.